



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Initial Claims Statistics January 2006

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 9,815 initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits in January 2006, up 25 (+0.3%) from the 9,790 initial claims filed in January 2005.

Employees with an attachment to the Construction (1,758) sector have filed the largest number of initial claims this month, representing 18 percent of the month's total claims. These layoffs are seasonal and can be attributed to the wintry conditions in our state. The Manufacturing (1,425) sector reported the second largest number of claims and represented 15 percent of the monthly total. Workers classified in the Administrative & Waste Services (866) and Accommodation & Food Services (759) sectors also filed significant numbers of claims this month.

At the major occupational level, workers classified in Production (1,570), Construction & Extraction (1,276), and Office & Administrative Support (1,126) occupations filed the largest number of claims, accounting for more than one-third of all claims filed in January. There were also significant numbers of initial claims filed by workers classified in Transportation & Material Moving (902) and Food Preparation & Serving Related (758) occupations.

Initial Claims by Industry Sector

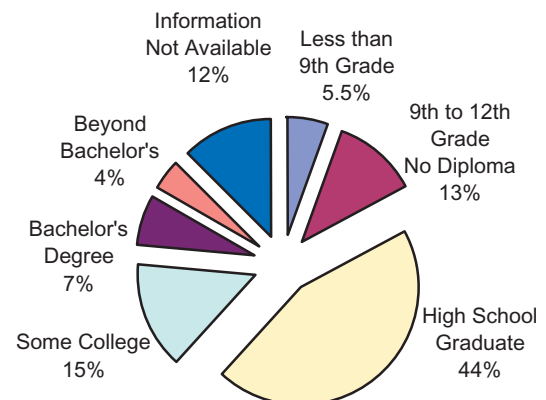
Industry	Claims	Percent
Industry	9,815	100%
Agriculture/Forestry	83	0.8%
Mining	24	0.2%
Utilities	5	0.1%
Construction	1,758	17.9%
Manufacturing	1,425	14.5%
Wholesale Trade	231	2.4%
Retail Trade	556	5.7%
Transportation & Warehousing	337	3.4%
Information	99	1.0%
Finance & Insurance	217	2.2%
Real Estate	107	1.1%
Professional & Tech. Services	228	2.3%
Management of Companies	90	0.9%
Administrative & Waste Services	866	8.8%
Educational Services	43	0.4%
Health Care & Social Assistance	331	3.4%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	346	3.5%
Accommodation & Food Services	758	7.7%
Other Services	157	1.6%
Public Administration	48	0.5%
Information Not Available	2,106	21.5%

Initial Claims by Occupation

Occupation	Claims	Percent
Occupation	9,815	100%
Management	715	7.3%
Business & Financial Operations	162	1.7%
Computer & Mathematical	66	0.7%
Architecture & Engineering	80	0.8%
Life, Physical & Social Science	20	0.2%
Community & Social Services	35	0.4%
Legal	19	0.2%
Education, Training & Library	81	0.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	117	1.2%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	78	0.8%
Healthcare Support	140	1.4%
Protective Service	69	0.7%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	758	7.7%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	432	4.4%
Personal Care & Service	125	1.3%
Sales & Related	502	5.1%
Office & Administrative Support	1,126	11.5%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	70	0.7%
Construction & Extraction	1,276	13.0%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	282	2.9%
Production	1,570	16.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	902	9.2%
Military Specific	24	0.2%
Information Not Available	1,166	11.9%

Men filed sixty-one percent of the January claims whereas women filed thirty-nine percent. Construction Laborers is the occupation most cited by these newly unemployed men. Hand Packers and Packagers is the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Forty-four percent of the claimants filing initial claims this month reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment. Twenty-six percent of the claimants reported having education beyond high school, with seven percent possessing a Bachelor's degree. Seventeen percent of the claimants filing did not have a high school diploma or GED.



Data may not add up due to rounding variations.